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NEWS FROM THE EAST

The mail company with W. A. Hickman, which left here on the 8th of February did not arrive there till the 6th of March and left on the 8th. O. P. Rockwell with the March mail passed on the 27th; all hands were well. Rockwell left at the fort 200 pounds of flour, 50 pounds of which they had yet on hand, and hoped that it would last till more arrived.

Parley P. Pratt

(May 13, 1857.—Parley P. Pratt was killed by Hector H. McLean, near Van Buren, Arkansas, presumably in jealousy at the conversion of Mrs. McLean to Mormonism. Pratt led the second immigration into the Salt Lake valley; and then explored southern Utah in 1849-50. It is said of him: "He traveled more, and preached and wrote more and better, than any of his compeers.")

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LAWYERS AND DOCTORS.—After the departure of the company that went with the two or three doctors left in the city. Both of the lawyers have been steadily at work, and all the doctors have been following some useful employment, aside from their profession, but one, and we are sorry to state that he has not been seen, to our knowledge, with either axe, hoe, pick, shovel or spade in his hand for a long time, though he seems to be busy every day.

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THE EASTERN MAIL arrived on the 20th ult., having left Independence on the 1st of May, and much credit is due to Mr. John Murdock, conductor to Laramie, and to Mr. O. P. Rockwell, conductor from that point to this city, for the perseverance, prudence and energy displayed in the transportation of so large a mail in such good time and condition, especially at a time when the east half of the route was nearly destitute of forage and grain was scarce and high priced. This is the first mail from Independence since the 13th of Nov. 1856, and of course the 24 sacks now brought contain much printed matter long since out of date. The contents of one sack were slightly damp, but in no wise injured, the carriers having crossed a swollen stream under the impression, from their appearance, that the sacks were water-proof, which is not the case, a fact that it will be well to keep in mind.

THE EASTERN MAIL, under charge of Mr. A. O. Shook, left on the 2nd inst., schedule

appointment as Governor, it is Monday made law in that Territory. The officers are incessant and folly to attempt to administer the duties, harassed and murdered for doing their duty, and not recognizing Brigham Young as the only law giver and law maker on earth. Of this every man can bear incontestable evidence who has been to accept an appointment in Utah; and I assure you sir, that no man would be willing to risk his life and property in that Territory after once trying the sad experiment. With an earnest desire that the present administration will give due and timely aid to the officers that may be so unfortunate as to accept situations in that Territory, and that the withering curse which now rests upon this Nation by virtue of the peculiar and heart-rending institutions of the Territory of Utah, may be speedily removed, to the honor and credit of our happy country, I now remain your obedient servant, W. W. DRUMMOND, Justice Utah Territory. Hon. Jeremiah S. Black, Attorney General of the United States, Washington City, D. C.

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REFUTATION OF CHARGES AGAINST BRIGHAM YOUNG
(From the "Mormon.")

We shall quote from the (Council Bluffs)

Bugle—
"The arrival on Sunday eve of a train from Salt Lake under command of Captain W. J. Hawley, places beyond question the fact of the murder of Hon. A. W. Babbitt, Secretary of Utah Territory. From Mr. Hawley we obtain the following information—
"Near the 'Sweet Water,' he met Messrs. Kimball and Ferguson. This is about 200 miles west of Fort Laramie, and 300 east of Salt Lake. He heard from them the rumour, and in order to get at the facts, he remained with Mr. Tist, the Indian agent, for several days. The Indians had come into the Fort and reported that twelve of them had attacked Colonel Babbitt while one of his men was away, and after the Colonel had fired his double barrel gun and his two revolvers, one of the Indians crept behind the wagon and tomahawked the Colonel. Frank Rowland and Sutherland were also killed."
"The Indians said the Colonel fought like a grizzly bear."
"When at Fort Kearney, Captain Hawley learned that Major Wharton had in his possession the papers (including a draft of \$8,000) and some of his hair. His watch was obtained by a Frenchman, from the Indians. Altogether about eighteen whites have been killed.

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